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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Louis BOYER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3641

Application No.: 09/101,508

Examiner: T. Chambers

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Docket No.: 100983

For: PROGRAMMABLY TIMABLE PRIMING DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 14 and 16 as follows:

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14. (Twice Amended) A priming device for a detonator, comprising:
- timing means for timing the action of a firing element of a primer;
- an electrical power supply that provides a first power intensity to the timing means; and
- power generating means, the power generating means for generating, through a resistive circuit and charged capacitor, a second power intensity sufficient to actuate the firing element upon expiration of a timing interval, the first power intensity from the power supply not being sufficient to actuate the firing element.